

Greetings,

So, last Thursday, I arrived in New York City to attend the Freedom Rising Conference hosted by Middle Church. One of our speakers, Linda Sarsour, spoke of something she witnessed at the encampment at Columbia University on Friday Night (April 26). First, she wanted to make it clear that visitors were allowed to visit the encampment, but all visitors had to sign an agreement upon entering that they would “honor and respect every student in the encampment, not bring any drugs or alcohol into the encampment, and that they would be good ecological stewards of the grounds they were entering.”

When Linda entered the encampment, it was “Isha” the fifth time in the day when Muslims are called to pray. She said at that time, the Jewish, Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, and atheist protesters circled the encampment with blankets, creating a private place for the Muslims to pray. When “Isha” was over, the Muslim students created a circle, and inside of the circle, the Jewish students held their shabbat services. Linda reported that the students were modeling a community that looked out for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of each other. And, she said, it was an absolutely beautiful, peace-filled evening.

All across our country, college students are creating similar encampments, and many of these encampments are modeled after the encampment at Columbia. I have been thinking of this testimony by Linda pretty much non-stop, ever since she spoke about at the conference. The students were living into a vision of a community that cared for the other. It was a community of Christians and Jews and Muslims and Buddhists and Hindus and Spiritual people and non-spiritual people and atheists all coexisting together in a community of tents on a lawn in the middle of New York City.

The mainstream media reported the students being in a standoff with the school administration, or in a standoff with police, or making other students feel unsafe. What the media is not reporting is the vision of coexistence and mutual respect that these students are trying to live in to, because it is when we learn how to coexist and mutually respect each other – physically, emotionally, and spiritually, that we will be able to see our way out of the predicaments that seem to have no solution.

One other thing that Linda Sarsour told us. What is happening in Gaza is a genocide of the Palestinian People, and it is the first genocide that can be viewed 24/7 on Livestream. The great majority of the 34,049 people who have been killed are innocent people who are not members of Hamas.

In prepping our Confirmation students for Confirmation Sunday, I gave them a list of questions, as we begin thinking about writing a Faith Statement to be shared during worship on Confirmation Sunday. One of the questions on that list is “What do you think causes God to experience deep sorrow.” The situation in Gaza, and the treatment of God’s Palestinian sons and daughters causes God deep sorrow.

We must raise our voices and help bring this genocide to an end. We must.

Peace, Pastor Dave

This Week at GCC

May 2 - May 8

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MONDAY

Community Yoga

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

3

FRIDAY

Bunco

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

5

SUNDAY

Zoe and Trinity
Confirmation Project

After Service

6

MONDAY

Tai Chi

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

7

TUESDAY

Restorative Yoga

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

7

TUESDAY

How to Live Like A Monk

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM



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OUR MONTHLY CALENDAR





Can You Lend A Hand?

Volunteer Opportunities (Many hands make light work.)

MIKE KRASE MEMORIAL SERVICE HELPERS (May 18): We are looking for people to help with set-up, clean-up, and making bars/cookies. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY HELPERS (May 19): We are looking for people to help with set-up and clean up on Confirmation Sunday. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

COFFEE HOUR CLEANUP: Coffee Hour is for everyone to enjoy, and as such, many people should take part in the responsibility of cleaning up afterwards. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up to clean up after coffee hour.

SANDWICHES FOR GUEST HOUSE (May 10): Help make sandwiches for Guest House MKE. Come in and help make sandwiches for Guest House. The 2nd Friday of every month.

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SUN DAY

MAY 5, 2024



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ADD TO YOUR
FAMILY OF FAITH.



HAVE SO MUCH FUN YOU MIGHT
JUST EXPLODE A BALL OF
GLITTER!

REDISCOVER YOUR INNER CHILD.



RENEW YOUR
VIEW
OF JESUS
THROUGH
THE EYES OF
CHILDREN.



LEAVE YOUR
FINGERPRINTS ON THE
NEXT GENERATION.

GCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

OUR BEHAVIOR-OVER-BELIEF CURRICULUM CONNECTS CHILDREN WITH THEIR OWN INNER WISDOM. IT TEACHES INTERDEPENDENCE, SELF AWARENESS, RESPECT FOR NATURE, STILLNESS, FORGIVENESS, PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND INTEGRITY. USING THE BIBLE AND OTHER WISDOM STORIES, A JOYFUL PATH HELPS CHILDREN LEARN HOW TO FOLLOW THE PATH OF JESUS, OTHER TEACHERS, AND REAL LIFE HEROES IN TODAY'S WORLD. **SIGN YOUR CHILD UP BELOW** FOR OUR 2024-2025 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR.

SIGN UP



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THROUGH WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

WHO IS WCK?

World Central Kitchen is a non-for-profit nongovernmental US organization founded in 2010 that is providing food directly to the people of Gaza.

APRIL 21- MAY 28

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We accept cash and/or checks. Please make checks out to Greendale Community Church with "Gaza Support" in the memo line.

(These funds will be pooled and sent directly to WCK at the end of May)





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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Board of Community Life will be working on this project spring and summer.



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BEFORE OR AFTER CHURCH IN THE SEARCH ROOM.
LAST DAY FOR PHOTOS IS JUNE 2**

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